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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

APPLICANT: Marcel Heerman GROUP ART UNIT: 2811
SERIAL NO.: 09/997,345 EXAMINER: Hung K. Vu
FILED: November 29, 2001 CONFIRMATION NO.: 6066
INVENTION: "AN INTERMEDIATE BASE FOR A
SEMICONDUCTOR MODULE, A
SEMICONDUCTOR MODULE USING
THE INTERMEDIATE BASE AND A METHOD
FOR PRODUCING THE INTERMEDIATE BASE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, which set a one-month period for response, a restriction requirement was made between Group I (claims 1-10 drawn to a semiconductor device) and Group II (claims 11-15 drawn to a method of making the semiconductor device). Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the product claims of Group I, which are claims 1-10. This election is being made with traverse for the following reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the Examiner's position, the product of the claims of Group I cannot be made by a materially different method than the method recited in the claims of Group II. It is submitted that forming a base body everywhere, except where the holes need to be formed, would not be a workable process to produce the product of claims 1-10. Therefore, it is submitted that the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn and an examination of all claims 1-15 should be given.

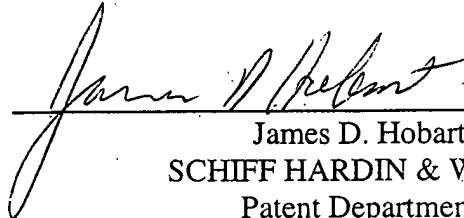
In reviewing the record, it is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the Patent Office on January 23, 2002 and an Amendment "A" and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 11, 2002. It is assumed that the

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Examiner has received these papers. If not, please advise the undersigned attorney so that the papers may be resubmitted before examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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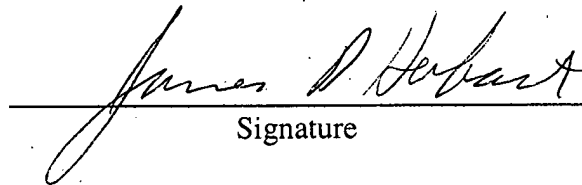
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